

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A profit sharing system for an agency service,  
comprising:

5 a storage module storing amounts of share target money,  
which should be shared to a plurality of providers, of profits  
obtained by operating for a predetermined period an agency  
service for providing users with a plurality of services provided  
from a plurality of providers; and

10 a calculation module calculating an amount of shared money  
allocated to each service from within the amount of share target  
money stored in the storage module on the basis of a frequency  
of providing each service during the predetermined period.

15 2. A profit sharing system according to claim 1, wherein  
said calculation module includes:

a providing count storage module storing a providing count  
of each service during the predetermined period; and

20 a shared money calculation module calculating a frequency  
of providing each service by dividing a counted providing count  
of each service by a total sum of the service providing counts  
and calculating the amount of shared money allocated to each  
service by multiplying each of the calculated frequencies by  
the amount of share target money.

25 3. A profit sharing system according to claim 1, wherein  
the profits are a total of agency service usage fees during the  
predetermined period that are collected from the users on the

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basis of one single contract.

4. A profit sharing system according to claim 1, wherein  
the amount of share target money is an amount obtained by  
5 subtracting an operating cost for the agency service from the  
profits.

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10 5. A profit sharing system according to claim 1, further  
comprising a request module requesting a financial institution  
to pay the shared money to each provider.

6. A profit sharing system according to claim 2, further  
comprising:

15 a database stored with a plurality of contents provided  
by the plurality of providers; and

a content providing module obtaining a content  
corresponding to a request of the user as the service from said  
database and providing the user with this content, and storing  
a providing count of each content in said providing count storage  
20 module.

7. A profit sharing system according to claim 6, wherein  
the content is a dictionary content, and

25 said content providing module provides the user with a  
list of dictionary contents corresponding to a search key  
received from the user, and provides the user with the dictionary  
content selected from this list by the user.

8. A profit sharing method for an agency service,  
comprising:

storing amounts of share target money, which should be  
5 shared to a plurality of providers, of profits obtained by  
operating for a predetermined period an agency service for  
providing users with a plurality of services provided from a  
plurality of providers; and

calculating an amount of shared money allocated to each  
10 service from within the stored amount of share target money on  
the basis of a frequency of providing each service during the  
predetermined period.

9. A profit sharing method according to claim 8, wherein  
15 said calculating the amount of shared money includes:

storing a providing count of each service during the  
predetermined period; and

calculating a frequency of providing each service by  
dividing a counted providing count of each service by a total  
20 sum of the service providing counts and calculating the amount  
of shared money allocated to each service by multiplying each  
of the calculated frequencies by the amount of share target money.

10. A profit sharing method according to claim 8, wherein  
25 the profits are a total of agency service usage fees during the  
predetermined period that are collected from the users on the  
basis of one single contract.

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11. A profit sharing method according to claim 8, wherein  
the amount of share target money is an amount obtained by  
subtracting an operating cost for the agency service from the  
5 profits.

12. A profit sharing method according to claim 8, further  
comprising requesting a financial institution to pay the shared  
money to each provider.

10 13. A profit sharing method according to claim 2, further  
comprising obtaining a content corresponding to a request of  
the user as the service from a database stored with a plurality  
of contents provided by the plurality of providers, and providing  
15 the user with this content and storing a providing count of each  
content.

14. A profit sharing method according to claim 13, wherein  
the content is a dictionary content, and  
20 said providing the user with the content includes:  
providing the user with a list of dictionary contents  
corresponding to a search key received from the user, and  
providing the user with the dictionary content selected from  
this list by the user.

25 15. A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly  
embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer

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to perform method steps, the method steps comprising:

a step of storing amounts of share target money, which should be shared to a plurality of providers, of profits obtained by operating for a predetermined period an agency service for providing users with a plurality of services provided from a plurality of providers; and

a step of calculating an amount of shared money allocated to each service from within the stored amount of share target money on the basis of a frequency of providing each service during the predetermined period.

16. A storage medium according to claim 15, wherein said step of calculating the amount of shared money includes:

a step of storing a providing count of each service during the predetermined period; and

a step of calculating a frequency of providing each service by dividing a counted providing count of each service by a total sum of the service providing counts and calculating the amount of shared money allocated to each service by multiplying each of the calculated frequencies by the amount of share target money.

17. A storage medium according to claim 15, wherein the profits are a total of agency service usage fees during the predetermined period that are collected from the users on the basis of one single contract.

18. A storage medium according to claim 15, wherein the

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amount of share target money is an amount obtained by subtracting an operating cost for the agency service from the profits.

19. A storage medium according to claim 15, said program  
5 further comprising a step of requesting a financial institution to pay the shared money to each provider.

20. A storage medium according to claim 16, said program  
10 further comprising a step of obtaining a content corresponding to a request of the user as the service from a database stored with a plurality of contents provided by the plurality of providers, and a step of providing the user with this content and storing a providing count of each content.

21. A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein the  
15 content is a dictionary content, and

said content providing step includes:

a step of providing the user with a list of dictionary  
contents corresponding to a search key received from the user,  
20 and providing the user with the dictionary content selected from this list by the user.

22. A profit sharing system according to claim 6, wherein  
said content providing module provides a setting screen for the  
25 user to set a priority of the plurality of dictionary contents.

23. A profit sharing method according to claim 13, wherein

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said content providing step includes a step of providing a setting screen for the user to set a priority of the plurality of dictionary contents.

5           24. A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein said content providing step includes a step of providing a setting screen for the user to set a priority of the plurality of dictionary contents.

10           25. A profit sharing system for an agency service, comprising:

          a providing module providing an agency service for providing a user with a requested service among services provided by a plurality of providers; and

15           a calculation module calculating an amount of shared money, shared to each provider, of profits obtained by providing the agency service on the basis of a frequency of providing the user with the service.

20           26. A profit sharing method in an information processing system, for an agency service, including a storage module and a control unit, said method comprising:

          making said control unit provide the agency service for providing a user with a requested service among services provided from a plurality of providers;

25           storing said storage module with a providing count of providing the service to the user; and

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calculating an amount of shared money, shared to each provider, of profits obtained by the agency service on the basis of a providing frequency of each service that is obtained from the providing count of each service and a total sum of service providing counts.

27. A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform method steps, the method steps comprising:

a step of providing the agency service for providing a user with a requested service among services provided from a plurality of providers;

a step of storing said storage module with a providing count of providing the service to the user; and

a step of calculating an amount of shared money, shared to each provider, of profits obtained by the agency service on the basis of a providing frequency of each service that is obtained from the providing count of each service and a total sum of service providing counts.